(c) whether Government are aware of alleged irregularities resorted to during privatization/disinvestments of these undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken or propose to take any action to conduct indepth inquiry of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (b) Two undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, namely, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) and Indian Petrochemical Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) were disinvested. The proceeds from disinvestments received by Government were Rs. 151.70 crore for PPL and Rs. 1490.84 crore for IPCL.

(c) to (e) No, sir. The question does not arise.

Mega chemical complex

2919. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have commissioned consultants to study the concept and submit a feasibility report for construction of a mega Chemical Complex in the country;

(b) if so, whether the study has been completed and reports submitted to Government;

(c) if so, the salient features of the study;

(d) the time by which this mega complex will be constructed;

(e) whether the Central Government have also taken steps towards revival of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. and FACT;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, assisted by Consultants is studying the feasibility of setting up Mega Chemical Industrial Estates at different locations in the country. A Task Force on Petroleum, Chemical and

Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) has also been constituted in the Prime Minister's Office on 20.1.2006, in order to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. This Task Force will also finalize the number and location of PCPIRs. A definite time limit has not been fixed at this stage.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) As regards revival of MFL the proposal for restructuring of the company is under the active consideration of the Government. As regards revival of FACT, a Financial Restructuring package has been approved by the CCEA and is under implementation. The details are shown in the Statement (*See* below).

(g) Does not arise.

Statement

Details regarding financial restructuring of FACT

The proposal for financial restructuring of FACT was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic (CCEA) on 30th March, 2006. The following package has been approved:

(a) Waiver of all outstanding interest as on 31.3.2005 amounting to Rs. 85.77 crores and penal interest, thereon.

(b) Conversion of 50% of the outstanding Government of India loan of Rs. 584.60 crores as on 31.3.2005 (*i.e.* Rs. 292.30 crores) into equity capital.

(c) Write off of the non plan loan of Rs. 60 crore given for Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(d) Write off of the balance outstanding Government of India loan of Rs. 232.30 crores as on 31.3.2005 (Rs. 584.60—Rs. 292.30—Rs.60.00 crores).

All the above reliefs have been approved to be effective from 31.3.2005.